Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It was not clear from Dr. A. R. Menon's petition whether he wanted independent administrative charge of the Maternity Hospital with the status of a Civil Surgeon, vice Miss D'Souza granted leave, or only to work as an Honorary Surgeon in that institution entirely independent of the Lady Medical Officer in charge. Neither course was acceptable to Government, because, in the former case, it was considered inexpedient to give a responsible post to a private practitioner over whom the State had no control, not even by a system of registration as it existed in British India, and, in the latter case, the situation was considered inconvenient to Government.

Salt contractor Mr. Arunachalam Chettiyar.

8. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the date, the purport and the orders of the Government on each of the petitions submitted by Mr. Arunachalam Chettiyar, the salt contractor, during the last five years for remissions referred to in answer to question No. 204 of the budget session of 1101 ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The answer to question No. 204 does not refer to any remission.

The Liquor shop at Parambikulam.

9. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the date on which the Parambikulam liquor shop was first opened ;

(2) the income from this shop and the quantity of liquor sold in the shop every year ever since it was opened ;

(3) is it true that the majority of the customers of this shop are the Kadars and other Hill Tribes of Parambikulam;

(4) was there any Government agency for the distribution of liquor among the Hill Tribes before this shop was opened ; if so, what was it ;

(5) was there any request from the Hill Tribes for the opening of this shop ;

(6) on whose initiative was this shop opened ;

(7) from which place is liquor supplied to this shop for sale ;

(8) is there any difference in the sale price in this shop when compared with the corresponding price in the plains ; if so, what is the difference ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—

(1) In 1082. It is not possible to give the exact date.

(2) Statements showing the consumption of liquor in the

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various shops in the State were begun to be sent to the office of the Superintendent of Excise Revenue from 1092 only. Figures from that year are furnished. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

(3) No.

(4) No.

(5) No.

(6) The shop was allowed to be opened on the Monopoly Farmer's request.

(7) Generally from the Vallengi Depot.

(8) The arrack is sold at Parambikulam at Rs. 2 per quart. The price in Nemmara is Rs. 1—12—0 and in Chalakkudi Rs. 1—2—0.

Certain irrigation systems in the Chittur Taluk.

10. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date on which the Mulattara, Kunnamkattupati, Tembaramadakku and Nurnee irrigation systems in the Chittur Taluk were constructed or acquired by the Government;

(2) the extent of the lands irrigated by each of these systems;

(a) at the time of the Revenue Settlement, (b) at the end of 1101, (c) the names of persons to whom the present excess area served by each system is assigned showing the extent of fresh assignment in the case of each;

(3) (a) what was the nature of the new work done in the Mulattara canal system in the years 1101 and 1102;

(b) has the volume of water for distribution in the Mulattara system increased in consequence of this new work;

(4) does the circulation of excess water in the Mulattara system diminish the quantity of water available for Kunnamkattupati system;

(5) what is the amount of money spent for capital works in each of the four systems during the last 5 years;

(6) will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the *kychit* executed for payment of water-cess collected by the Sirkar;

(7) what are the principles on which Land Revenue is fixed with regard to newly assigned lands, and what are the various rates adopted for different kinds of lands;

(8) what was the rate of Land Revenue adopted in Perumatti, Pattancheri and Mulattara for *parambas* at the time of the Settlement;

(9) what are the rates at which new lands are assigned in the above said 3 villages;

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